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LETTER REPORT  
FOR  
BUCKLEY TOWING SITE  
COVENTRY TOWNSHIP, SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO  
TDD: S05-0005-003  
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Ms. Gail Nabasny  
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United States Environmental Protection Agency (SE-5J)  
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Re: Buckley Towing Site  
Coventry Township, Summit County, Ohio  
TDD: S05-0005-003  
PAN: 0Y0301RAXX

Dear Ms. Nabasny:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) tasked the Ecology and Environment, Inc., Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team (START) to assist the U.S. EPA On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) James Augustyn in performing a site assessment at the Buckley Towing (BT) site located in Coventry Township, Summit County, Ohio. START was requested under Technical Direction Document (TDD) number S05-0005-003 to prepare and implement a health and safety plan, compile background information, conduct contractor oversight, conduct air monitoring, document on-site activities, and conduct cost tracking of site expenditures. Under the direction of OSC Augustyn, removal activities were conducted on June 8 and 14 and July 20, 2000.

## Site Background

The Buckley Towing (BT) site is located at 2977 Manchester Road, Coventry Township, Summit County, Ohio 44319. Geographical coordinates are latitude 41°01'07.00" N and longitude 81°33'02.30" W. The site is a vacant lot on which the former property owner operated a junk yard since the 1940s. The site is located in a residential area south of Akron. The property is bordered to the west by Manchester Road, to the north, south, and east by residential properties. Long Lake is located approximately 1,000 feet north and east of the site. The property encompasses approximately 1 acre. The site is fenced with a 4.5 foot chain-link fence. There is no security at the site. No permanent structures exist at the site.

## Site History

Coventry Township has been in litigation with the property owner to remove junk automobiles, tires, parts, and miscellaneous junk from the site for nearly 4 years. Summit County Common Pleas Court issued an Agreed Judgement Entry permitting the Township to undertake cleanup actions on the property. Coventry Township obtained a \$75,000 grant from the Summit County Solid Waste

Management Authority to remove and dispose of solid waste. The township completed its cleanup efforts late in November 1999. The grant authorized the cleanup of solid waste but not hazardous wastes found on the site. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) requested U.S. EPA's assistance with a removal action at the site.

The Ohio EPA conducted a site assessment and collected samples on January 19, 2000. Twenty-six 55-gallon drums and 10 smaller containers were discovered and inventoried by the Ohio EPA. Eleven of the drums were sampled. Flame Ionization Detector (FID) and Photo Ionization Detection readings indicated that many of the drums on the site exhibited combustible characteristics. In addition to the containers, Ohio EPA sampled 2 residential wells and 2 wells on the Buckley property. Analytical results obtained by Ohio EPA confirmed that several of the drums contained materials that exhibited flash points of  $\leq 72^{\circ}\text{F}$  and exceeded regulatory limits for TCLP Lead and Mercury. In addition, all of the drums showed signs of deterioration and none of the drums or small containers bore labels indicating the identity of their contents.

On March 13, 2000, the U.S. EPA conducted a site assessment at the property. During the assessment, the U.S. EPA observed numerous drums and small containers of hazardous substances on the property. All of the drums were in poor condition and may have been leaking.

### **Site Activities**

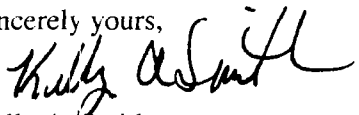
On June 3, 2000, U.S. EPA, START, and Emergency and Rapid Response Services (ERRS) contractor, Furgenson Harbors, met at the BT site to conduct site reconnaissance.

On June 14, 2000, ERRS mobilized personnel and equipment to the BT site. ERRS established a bulking/over-packing area and a final staging area. In addition, ERRS over-packed and staged the 11 drums previously sampled by the Ohio EPA. ERRS then conducted air monitoring of the drums which had not been previously sampled. These drums were then transported to the bulking/over-packing area. Four of the drums were over-packed and 11 of the drums were bulked into three drums. The seven unsampled drums were transferred to the staging area and disposal samples were collected from each drum. The 10 small containers were bulked and transferred to the staging area. START conducted air monitoring during all site activities. ERRS secured the site and demobilized all personnel and equipment from the site. Attachment B contains photo-documentation of site activities.

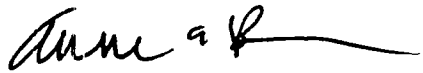
On July 20, 2000, U.S. EPA, START, and ERRS mobilized to the BT site for final disposal of drums. A total of 19 55-gallon drums were transported to Chemical Solvents, Inc., located in Cleveland, Ohio for final disposal. Attachment C contains disposal information.

The preparation of this Letter Report serves as final deliverable and completes this TDD, as the OSC did not require any additional assistance from START. If you have any questions or require any additional information regarding this site, please contact this office.

Sincerely yours,



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START Project Manager



Anne Busher  
START Program Manager

Attachments:

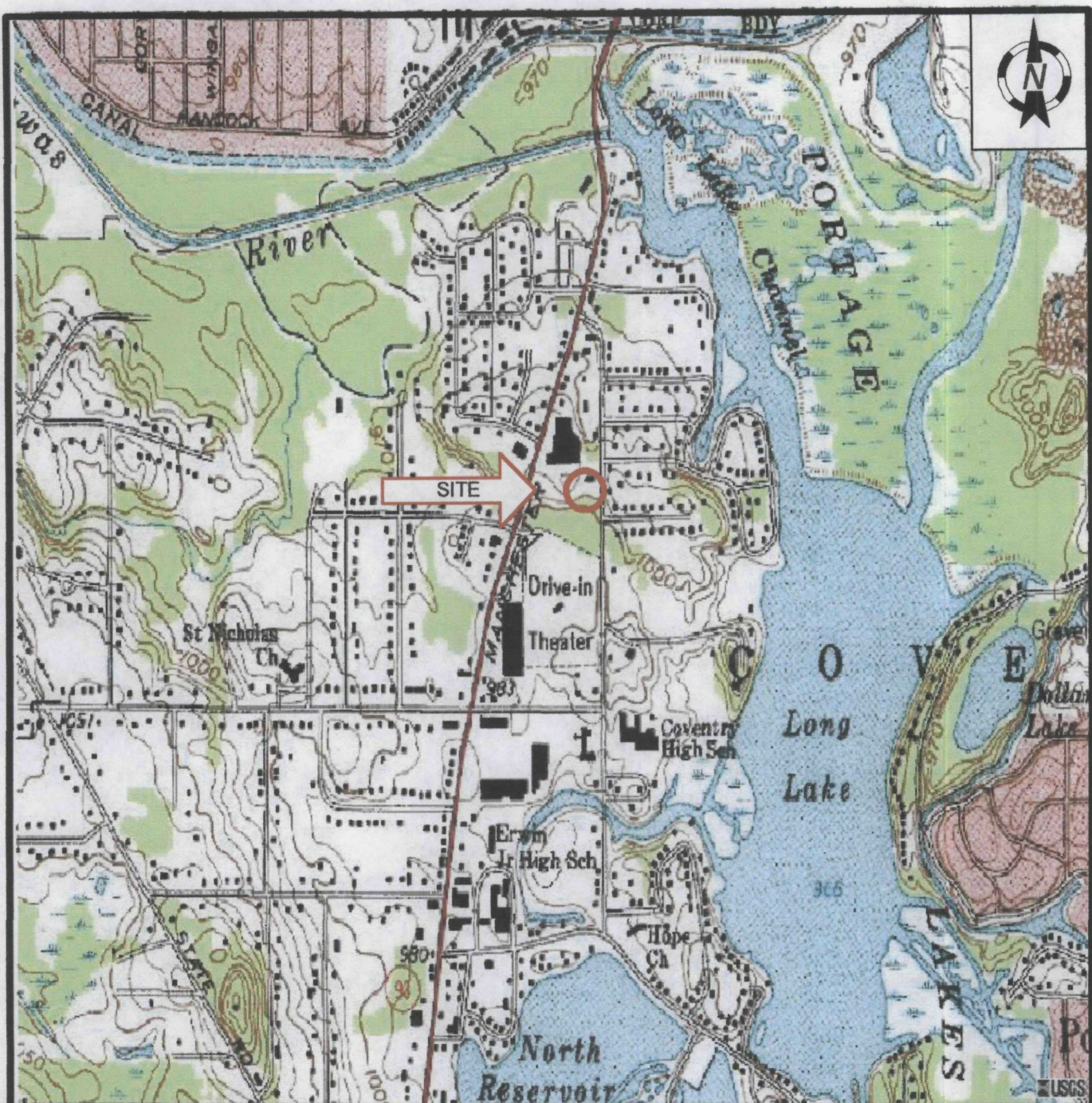
- A Site Location Map
- B Photo-documentation
- C Disposal Information

cc: James Augustyn, OSC, U.S. EPA, Westlake  
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**Attachment A**

**Site Location Map**





#### Quadrangle Location



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TITLE:	Site Location Map
SITE:	Buckley Towing Site
CITY:	Coventry Township STATE: Ohio
SOURCE:	USGS Topographic Map 7.5' Series Delorme Ohio Topoquads Software

FIGURE:	A-1
SCALE:	1:24,000
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**Attachment B**

**Photodocumentation**





**Site:** Buckley Towing Site

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**Photo:** 1

**Direction:** North

**Date:** 5/14/00

**Photographer:** Smith

**Description:** This photograph show view of abandoned drums at the Buckley Towing site.



**Site:** Buckley Towing Site

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**Photo:** 2

**Direction:** West

**Date:** 5/14/00

**Photographer:** Smith

**Description:** This photograph show view of ERRS contractors conducting air monitoring of drums prior to bulking activities.





**Site:** Buckley Towing Site

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**Photo:** 3

**Direction:** East

**Date:** 5/14/00

**Photographer:** Smith

**Description:** This photograph show view of ERRS contractors bulking drums for final disposal.



**Site:** Buckley Towing Site

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**Photo:** 4

**Direction:** East

**Date:** 5/14/00

**Photographer:** Smith

**Description:** This photograph show view of ERRS contractors overpacking drums for final disposal.

**Attachment C**  
**Disposal Information**

<b>Table C-1</b>  <b>Disposal Information</b> <b>Buckley Towing Site</b> <b>Coventry Township, Summit County, Ohio</b>  July 20, 2000			
<b>Hazardous Category</b>	<b>Drums</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Disposal Facility</b>
RQ, Hazardous waste liquid, n.o.s, 9, NA 3082 (lead)	5	275 gallons	Chemical Solvents, Inc. Cleveland, Ohio
RQ, Waste paint, 3, UN 1263 (Toluene)	2	110 gallons	Chemical Solvents, Inc. Cleveland, Ohio
RQ, Waste solids, containing flammable liquids, n.o.s., 4.1, UN 3175 (Toluene)	1	55 gallons	Chemical Solvents, Inc. Cleveland, Ohio
Non Regulated Material (Sump water, sludge)	5	275 gallons	Chemical Solvents, Inc. Cleveland, Ohio
Non Regulated Material (used oil, water)	6	330 gallons	Chemical Solvents, Inc. Cleveland, Ohio